

## MEMBERS KILLING TIME.

Office-Sekers in Abundance—The Question of Rules and a Caucus—Virginia Committee—Present Notes.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—The two days' holiday has been improved by congressmen to get up their correspondence, visit the executive departments, in the interest of constituents, and to hunt up comfortable winter quarters. Many members will reside at hotels until after the Christmas recess, and then settle down for the session.

The proximity of Virginia to the capital brings more office-seekers from that State than almost any other except Maryland. Dozens of Virginians, men and boys, can be seen every day at the Capitol and at night in the hotel corridors. The Virginia congressmen have their hands full, and their chances for obtaining appointments are not very encouraging.

To-day there were many people at the Capitol, attracted by a meeting of the House committee on Rules. Besides the number of sightseers was unusually large.

## DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

A paper has been in circulation among the Democrats for a call of a conference on the rules, and enough names have been obtained to authorize the chairman to issue the call, but some members are bitterly opposed to having a caucus. They say we have enough votes to carry through the proposed changes, and there is no use in talking about it. On the other hand, it is prudently held that it would be best to secure harmony of action on the Democratic side if possible, and not begin the Congress with divided ranks. Besides, it would not be advisable to have the proposed reforms in methods of procedure adopted only by help of the Republicans if it can be done by the Democrats. If the project comes before the House with the endorsement of a Democratic caucus it will be a Democratic measure, no matter how many Republicans vote for it.

The committee on rules did not accomplish much this morning and will have another meeting to-night. Everybody here is particularly interested in this matter now, because nothing of consequence can be done until the rules are agreed upon, and the success of the first Democratic Congress for twenty-five years under a Democratic administration depends in great degree upon a wise disposition of the contention about rules.

## PERSONAL NOTICE.

Messrs. J. D. Patton, A. D. Payne, and C. T. Smith, the committee appointed to wait upon General Lee and notify him of his election, were at the Capitol this morning, in company with Mr. Daniel and other members of the Virginia delegation.

General Fitz Lee and wife arrived in the city to-day.

Z. F. Smith, formerly Superintendent of Education in Kentucky, has been entered by the Senators and Representatives from that State for appointment as United States Commissioner of Education to succeed Mr. Eaton.

Mr. Barlow has secured a good place under Doorkeeper Donelson for Captain John A. Jones, of Alexandria, formerly of Culpeper, who was connected with the Virginia Midland railway for a long time. He is a member of the Virginia Democratic Association at Washington.

Captain Parater's son arrived in the city last night, and was put on the roll of House pages this morning.

A son of ex-Congressman Dezenoff was dropped from the roll of pages to-day. He was a page for two years under the Republicans and the Democrats continued him on the roll during the last two years.

Mr. L. DeLoget and Charles M. Steadman, of Wilmington, N. C.; J. A. Griffiths and Henry Charters, of Richmond; A. C. Edmunds, D. B. Steadman, B. Still, L. L. Bannan, and J. C. Lamb, of Virginia; R. Johnson, of Christiansburg; and Charles K. Payne, of Blacksburg, are in the city.

General Lee, Mr. Daniel, Colonel Trigg, and a party of Virginians called on the President this afternoon.

## REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL CAUCUS.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, December 11.—The Republican senators met in caucus at 11 o'clock this morning and continued in session until 2 o'clock. Senator Sherman resigned his position as chairman of the caucus, and Senator Edmunds was unanimously elected to the place. This action was due to the fact that no senator has ever been chairman of the caucus and presiding officer of the Senate at the same time, and Senator Sherman felt it incumbent upon him not to depart from the line of precedent. The action of the caucus committee in the arrangement of chairmanships of the Senate committees—namely, in deciding to tender to Senator Sewell that of the Joint Committee on Library, and to Senator Logan his old place on Military Affairs—was ratified. Nearly all the time was devoted to the discussion of the line of policy to be adopted toward the presidential appointments. No formal action was taken, and none was proposed. Senators expressed their views freely, and were found to be practically unanimous against the adoption of any general policy of opposition, but were agreed upon the advisability of treating each nomination upon its merits. Opinions were expressed and generally assented to that good men appointed to office because they were Democrats should be confirmed, except in cases where their predecessors were removed upon trumped-up or unfounded charges, brought for the purpose of making pretexts for the creation of vacancies. In such cases it was urged that the nominations should be held up to give the removed officials opportunity for vindication. Senators who were present expressed the opinion that this plan for the present will govern the course of the Republicans. The caucus adjourned without day.

## THE SENATE RULES.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, December 11.—The Senate Committee on Rules held its first meeting this morning and instructed Senator Fry, its chairman, to report back to the Senate a code of joint rules for the government of official intercourse between the two houses. The code is identical with the joint code which the Senate acted upon two years ago, except in respect to Rule 13, which the committee has stricken out. This rule prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors in the capital building. The Senate has a rule of this kind in its own code, and the committee thought it unnecessary to incorporate it in the joint rules, believing the matter was one which should be left to the control of each house within its own domain.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.—The army officer commanding at Fort Monroe, Va., has been given charge of the new water-supply system

## FOR THAT POST, INCLUDING A QUICK STEAMING APPARATUS.

Commissioner Black stated to-day that the amount asked by the Pension Bureau for the coming fiscal year is less by \$1,540,000 than the amount appropriated by Congress for use during the current year. He said, also, that the amount asked for salaries and expenses of all kinds for the Pension Bureau is less by \$15,000 than the amount appropriated for the present year.

Secretary Lamar has requested the President to ask Congress to authorize the use of \$12,500 out of the \$500,000 appropriated by Congress last year to supply food and other necessities of life in cases of distress among Indians not having treaty funds, for the temporary relief of the northern Cheyennes on the Tongue and Rosebud rivers, in Montana. The Department has information that these Indians are in great distress for want of food and clothing.

The Postmaster-General has made an order fixing the fee on international money orders as follows: For sums not exceeding \$10, ten cents; over \$10 and not exceeding \$20, 15 cents; over \$20 and not exceeding \$30, 20 cents; over \$30 and not exceeding \$40, 25 cents; over \$40 and not exceeding \$50, 30 cents. This is a reduction of one third of the present rates.

The House Committee on Rules held a short session this morning and another to-night, which lasted two hours and a half, during which various propositions were submitted to the House by Messrs. Morriss, Springer, and others, were considered at length. No final conclusion was reached, however, and the consideration of the subject will be resumed to-morrow.

## IT WAS NOT A SPORTING DOG.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 11.—Mr. John H. Timberlake has had F. M. Schaeffer arrested for disorderly conduct. The case is a peculiar and amusing one. Timberlake first wanted to have Schaeffer arrested for obtaining money by false pretences. He explained to the clerk who issued the warrant that some time ago he bought a pointer dog from Schaeffer. Schaeffer claimed that the dog was a finely-trained animal, and sold him for Mr. Timberlake for \$20. Mr. Timberlake took the dog, and he and started out to hunt. The dog started at the same time to hunt for something to eat, and it took Mr. Timberlake three days to catch him again. He returned to Louisville, his hunting trip spoiled. Schaeffer was found at his home on Preston street by Officer Mahar. He was surrounded by dogs, and lived in a house which was so filled with canines that gaining entrance was difficult. Schaeffer explained that he kept a private dog-pound. He was arrested.

## SAVED FROM THE SEA.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, December 11.—The brig Curlew, which arrived to-day, reports: "On December 6th, latitude 37 degrees 05' north, longitude 74 west, while under low topsail and close-reefed mainsail and storm-stay sail, saw a vessel flying a signal of distress; the vessel was a schooner, and was being towed by the schooner Joshua C. Bragdon, of Boston, from Baltimore for Savannah, with a cargo of guano, in a sinking condition, with five feet of water in her hold. The captain wished to be taken off. As his boat was stove and washed away, we sent a long boat with the first mate and three men, and brought Captain Nelson, his wife, and six men on board. The schooner was heavily sea-sick, and the captain was very sick, running at the time, and while hoisting the boat on board it was struck by a heavy sea and washed away and lost."

## JUMPED FROM A CAR-WINDOW.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., December 11.—Andrew Johnson, who is wanted in Roane county, Tenn., for murder, was brought to this city yesterday from Texas. He made a very sensational attempt to escape while the train was dashing over a high trestle at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. Johnson was seated beside a guard in a car, when he suddenly broke from him and leaped through the window, alighting in a deep runnel. He fell at last forty feet and sunk to his shoulders in the swamp. The sheriff had the train stopped as soon as possible and succeeded in recapturing him.

## COTTON RECEIPTS.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, December 11.—The following are the total receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1895: Galveston, 468,146; New Orleans, 879,134; Mobile, 115,013; Savannah, 514,564; Charleston, 34,223; Wilmington, 69,384; Norfolk, 301,198; Baltimore, 26,841; New York, 23,218; Boston, 449; Newport, 7,946; Philadelphia, 11,150; West Point, 127,448; Brunswick, 9,563; Pensacola, 14,631; Indianapolis, 781. Total, 2,905,212.

## DOWN AN EMBANKMENT.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

CALDWELL, O., December 11.—A coach and one box-car of a train on the Baltimore, Annapolis and Columbia road left the track yesterday afternoon near this place and rolled down an embankment. The coach was full of passengers. Mrs. Thomas Severs and two children, of Caldwell, were badly burned. The children cannot recover. Three other persons were less seriously hurt. The coach caught fire, but was quickly extinguished.

## ANTI-CHINESE MOVEMENT IN CALIFORNIA.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

SACRAMENTO, December 11.—A large and enthusiastic joint meeting of business and workmen was held here to-day to discuss a plan for forcing the Chinese from the avenues of labor now held by them. Addresses were made by a number of prominent citizens, and resolutions were passed favoring a State convention to formulate a plan for a general movement all over the State against the employment of Chinese.

## WIFE-MURDERER HANGED.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

NEW ORLEANS, December 11.—John Alexander (colored), convicted of murdering his wife last February at Stanton plantation, seven miles below Agiers, was executed to-day in the parish prison in the presence of the fifteen witnesses allowed by law. The drop fell at 12:20 o'clock, and he died without a struggle.

## DEATH OF A VENERABLE MISSIONARY.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, December 11.—Private advices from Rangoon, British Burma, announce the death there on the 10th of November of Rev. Cephas Bennett, an American Baptist missionary. Mr. Bennett had been in Burma since 1828, and was in his eighty-third year at the time of his death.

## STEPPED ON THE TRACK AND WAS KILLED.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

ALTOONA, Pa., December 11.—To-night as the fast line west on the Pennsylvania railroad was passing Elizabeth furnace two men and a boy stepped on the track and were struck by the engine. The men were instantly killed and the boy seriously injured.

## THE DEAD FINANCIER.

## BURIAL OF THE MILLIONAIRE.

William H. Vanderbilt Laid at Rest—An Impressive Scene with No Demonstrations Display—Prominent People Present.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, December 11.—The last sad rites over the remains of W. H. Vanderbilt were begun this morning, when the body of the deceased was removed from the ice-box, in which it had rested since Tuesday, to the coffin of cedar covered with black broadcloth. The coffin was then placed in a catafalque in the bed-room on the east side of the house. The sun had barely appeared upon the pinnacles of St. Patrick's Cathedral before small groups of people began to gather opposite the house, and all of these were mourning livers. Shortly before 9 o'clock Mrs. Vanderbilt, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Bromley, William K. Cornelius, Frederick, and George Vanderbilt, her sons, and her daughters, with the exception of Mr. Shepard, who is abroad, and not in bed-room and looked for the last time upon the face of her husband. Her grief was very great, and it was shared by all present.

The services, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Cooke, were simple and touching, consisting of a prayer, a few words of remembrance, and others of consolation to the bereaved family. The coffin was then closed and Mrs. Vanderbilt retired to the apartment which she has occupied since the death of Mr. Vanderbilt. The coffin was raised upon the shoulders of the undertaker's assistants, and preceded by the clergyman and the pallbearers, was borne down the broad stair-case to the hearse.

The doors of the church had been besieged all the morning by crowds of well-dressed people seeking admission to the funeral. Nearly all were known to members of the family, who were stationed at the door, as possessing some special claim to be admitted. At

## CORNELIUS.

Son and Heir of the Late William H. Vanderbilt.

There seems to be little or no doubt that the bulk of the vast fortune left by the richest man in the world will be inherited by his eldest son, Cornelius Vanderbilt, who, like his grandfather, the Commodore, and his father, has evidenced that he knows not only how to take care of money, but to make it increase and multiply. The past of Cornelius Vanderbilt's life presents what amounts to a demonstration that the Vanderbilts' distinction as financial magnates of unequalled majesty will be maintained for at least as long as Cornelius Vanderbilt shall be the head of the family.

This man, upon whose broad shoulders unequalled financial responsibilities are almost certainly about to be placed, was born at New Dorp, Staten Island, N. Y., forty years ago. Wil-



William H. Vanderbilt, his father, was at that time cultivating a seventy-acre farm. He gained the rudiments of education at his mother's knee. When old enough he was placed at an academy in New York city, where he worked with extraordinary diligence and thoroughness. He left school a well-educated, if not a liberal-educated, young gentleman.

He was eighteen years old when he found employment at a bank on Wall street. His business ability gratified the pride of his grandfather, after whom he had been named, and before long he was made assistant treasurer in the office of the Harlem railroad, then virtually owned by the first of the Vanderbilts. During the years he spent in this office Mr. Vanderbilt became thoroughly acquainted with comprehensive details of railroad management, and acquired the superior executive ability which impresses men who do business with him.

The Commodore died in the beginning of 1877, leaving a fortune of five million dollars as a bequest to his promising grandson and namesake. Mr. Vanderbilt was said to have trebled this amount in the few years which have elapsed since he became possessed of it.

Among the changes brought about by the death of the first Cornelius Vanderbilt, was the installment of his grandson as first vice-president of the New Central. He held this position until May 4, 1883, when his father retired from the presidency of the road. Cornelius then became chairman of the Board of Directors. At that time he had been made a director in the Canada Southern, St. Paul and Omaha, and Nickel-Plate railways, and in the Union Trust Company, of New York. Of late the condition of his health has forbidden his attention to new undertakings, however tempting to a man of his capacity and ambition.

Cornelius Vanderbilt has been married sixteen years. His wife is the daughter of a lawyer of eminence, practicing in Cincinnati. The couple have five children, of whom the two eldest boys are preparing for college. Their home is a centre of elegant hospitality. It is one of the finest in New York.

In public spirit and usefulness Mr. Vanderbilt is one of the leading men of the Empire City. His name is conspicuous among those who support the varied institutions and charities of the Protestant Episcopal Church and other philanthropic activities.

## DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—A terrible tragedy occurred a few minutes after 4 o'clock this morning in room No. 15, Nevada Block, John Atkinson, surveyor of public lands, was found lying on the floor with his throat cut and a man named Brown, said to be from Wyoming, was lying within a few feet of him, dead from the effect of a shot from a revolver.

Later, it was John A. Benson (not Atkinson) who was shot in his office to-day by C. W. Brown, of Cheyenne. Benson was shot once in the cheek and once in the neck, the wounds being very serious. Brown shot himself three times and then seized a large paper-cutting knife from Benson's desk and thrust it into his own neck, severing the jugular vein. Benson is able to talk and professes to know no reason for Brown's act. The office shows signs of a hard struggle.

## FATAL BOTTLE EXPLOSION.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

GALVESTON, December 12.—A special to the News from Austin says: This afternoon a tubular boiler at the Colorado foundry here exploded, demolishing the building and killing Charles Jones, the proprietor, and Lewis Preston, the engineer. Five other employees were slightly wounded.

## DECLARED A VANDERBILT.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, December 11.—The Board of Health to-day passed a resolution declaring the United States assay office a nuisance and a menace to health by reason of acid fumes and vapors. The United States authorities are asked to abate the nuisance.

## LABOR TROUBLES.

## THE STRIKING MINERS.

Quiet in the Monongahela Mine Region, but Trouble Yet Foreseen.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

PITTSBURGH, December 11.—Quiet reigns throughout the Monongahela-Valley mines to-day. Notwithstanding the miners' fast last night there was no disturbance. Although the strikers were around all night they kept at a safe distance. The non-union miners at Pine Run did not go to work until daylight this morning, fearing a repetition of yesterday's attack. They have decided to discontinue night work as long as there is any danger of another outbreak. The workmen at Allegheny expected an attack during the night and made preparations to give the mob a warm reception. They were provided with repeating rifles, and each man was given fifty rounds of ammunition. The strikers did not put in an appearance, however, and this morning the men went into the mines as usual. Great excitement still prevails among the residents in the neighborhood of these mines, and serious trouble, perhaps bloodshed, is predicted. Sheriff Gray has stationed police near Allegheny and Pine Run. He has also sworn in a large number of men living in the vicinity, who will respond to his call at a moment's warning.

Later, striking miners are still encamped on the hills near Pine Run. They did not venture near the mines to-day, and the non-union miners were allowed to go to and from the mines without being molested. The feeling of insecurity prevails, however, and another outbreak is looked for at any time.

## PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN MISSOURI.

BEVERLY, Mo., December 11.—The peace negotiations which have been under way here for several days past, seem now about to result in an amicable settlement of the difficulties between the miners employed by Mr. Loomis and the citizens of Beverly. An agreement has been drawn up and considered by both sides, and it is expected that it will be signed at a meeting to be held Saturday night. The terms of the agreement are substantially that both parties shall cease to carry arms and do all in their power to preserve the peace.

## INTERESTING CELEBRATION IN PHILADELPHIA.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 11.—The celebration of the 200th anniversary of the introduction of the art of printing in the middle colonies began to-night, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, at the hall of the Society. Rev. George Dana Boardman, D. D., delivered an address on the "Art of Printing in America." A number of prominent publishers and literary men were present.

## MR. BOARDMAN TRACED THE HISTORY OF

progress of the art of printing through two centuries, the first production being the issue in Philadelphia in 1685 of an almanac for 1686 by William Bradford, the only copy of which in existence has been purchased by the Society from Mr. King, of Newport. In 1693 the Council of New York passed a resolution inviting the printer to come to that province, offering a salary of £40 a year and "half the benefit of his printing, besides what serves the public." Bradford having previously obtained from friends in Philadelphia a remission of his obligations to do his printing in New York, he came to the city in 1693, at the age of ninety-two years. The first newspaper printed in the British North American colonies was the Boston News Letter, started in Boston in 1719 by John Campbell. The first American edition of the Bible in English was printed in this city by Robert Aitken in 1782, and in 1784 the first daily newspaper in the United States was issued by John Dunlap, the Pennsylvania Packet, now North American.

## A \$115,000 FIRE IN TEXAS.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

GALVESTON, December 12.—A special to the News from Navasota, Texas, says: This morning fire broke out in B. Goodman's branch dry-goods store, on Washington avenue. The flames spread rapidly to the adjacent building on each side and ultimately consumed one entire block of stores. Seven business houses and their contents were destroyed. The total loss reaches \$115,000; insurance, \$69,000.

## AMONG THE HEAVIEST LOSERS ARE:

James Brooks, on buildings, \$7,000; no insurance; Simon Levy, dry goods and groceries, \$20,000, insured for \$5,000; B. Goodman, dry goods, \$4,500, insured for \$3,500; Mrs. Driscoll, on buildings, \$3,000, insured for \$2,000; Mrs. Kennard, on building, \$2,000, insured for \$1,000.

## SMALL FOX.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

MONTEVIDEO, December 11.—Reports from Rio de Janeiro country are that small-pox has been very prevalent there. Of one family of ten persons the mother only is alive.

## LATELY TIMES IN MEXICO.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

ST. LOUIS, December 11.—A special was received very late last night by the Globe-Democrat from Monterey, Mexico, which says that Governor Sepulveda and his forces, 400 strong, arrived in that city early last night. They took possession of the Governor's palace. To-day he received a message from Governor Garcia, in the city of Mexico, to immediately reestablish the State Government, concentrate his forces, and put down the revolution, as help from the General Government cannot be expected. It is said that Sepulveda called on General Reis, the federal commander here, to-day, and that bitter words passed between them, when the former told the latter that after he had firmly reestablished his Government he would be pleased to meet him on the field of honor. Sepulveda has issued a call convening the Legislature of the State immediately, and the State authorities are endeavoring to devise means to put an end to the revolution. The people are now in favor of the Governor here, and it is thought they will support him.

## THE BOYCOTTED BARBER.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

ORIENT, L. I., December 11.—There is a sharp contention here over the attempt of the temperance people to drive the barber Philip Nevist out of the village because he persists in selling under a license recently issued to him by the Board of Excise. The "boycott" which was begun against the barber is still kept up, and he is unable to purchase anything whatever in the village, and is compelled to send to New York for the necessities of life. Bakers, grocers and butchers from Greenport have been compelled to ignore him under pain of losing their customers. The saloon-keepers of Greenport have begun to boycott these dealers.

## FOUR BROWNEES.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 11.—Night before last five negroes—three men and two women—returning home from a frolic in York county, S. C., attempted to cross Broad river near the Air-Line railroad bridge in a canoe. The boat filled and sunk, and the two women and two of the men were drowned. The third man was rescued by persons on the banks.

## VERDICT FOR LIBEL.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 11.—The jury in the United States Circuit

## CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM.

Public Meeting in Room—Address by Hon. Carl Schurz.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

BOSTON, December 11.—A public meeting under the auspices of the Boston Civil-Service Reform Association was held this evening in Music Hall. A large audience was present, and the platform was occupied by many prominent gentlemen, among whom were Postmaster Tobey, ex-Mayor Samuel Cobb, Hon. G. C. Crocker, Edward Atkinson, Hamilton A. Hall, and Robert Treat Paine. Darwin E. Ware presided, after which the speakers, introduced by Carl Schurz, replied to various criticisms passed upon the subject of civil-service reform, dwelling at some length upon the matter of official patronage, which he terms one of the principal evils of the spoils system. "Much more has already been done," said the speaker, "toward destroying this evil than the most sanguine person would have dared to predict three years ago, and with patience and perseverance still better results may be hoped for." He quoted President Cleveland's words upon this topic as given in his message, and urged that President Cleveland be supported in the position he has taken. Whether he was supported by either of the existing political parties, the reform movement would go forward, and he would find a party to carry out its purposes.

## COLD WEATHER—WOOLN ACCEPT.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

LONDON, December 11.—The most intensely cold weather that has been experienced in five years is now prevailing throughout England. The Sunderland shipwrecks have decided not to accept the proposed reduction in wages, and a strike will probably ensue.

## PENDING THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

LONDON, December 11.—Serbia has proposed that the Powers appoint a military commission to demarcate a line between the Bulgarian and Serbian armies, beyond which neither force shall pass pending the peace negotiations.

## CELLAR DIGGING WITH DYNAMITE.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

An Ebersburg special says: Charles Ebersburg and his mother lived cosily enough in the west ward of Ebersburg, but their little house lacked a cellar in which to store the winter stock. Under these circumstances Charles set to work with pick and shovel to dig the cellar, his grandmother knitting placidly overhead the while, and a promiscuous crowd of neighbors giving their moral support. Charles presently tired of pick and shovel, and decided to try a small dynamite cartridge, just to hasten the work.

The neighbors took the hint and got at a safe distance, but Charles didn't think it worth while to notify his grandmother. The shock came and the lightning dug by the bushel with lightening celerity, but the house was shattered and nearly lifted from its moorings, and the placid grandmother was thrown with such violence to the floor that the shock nearly cost the old lady her life.

## LATE WEATHER REPORT.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, December 12.—A. M.—For the Middle Atlantic States, continued cold and fair weather, winds shifting to north and east in the northern portion, westerly winds, becoming variable in the northern portion, and generally lower barometer.

For the South Atlantic States, fair weather, winds shifting to westerly, slight rise in temperature in the southern portion, nearly stationary temperature in the northern portion, and generally lower barometer.

For Richmond and vicinity, fair weather and slight changes in temperature.

## THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY

Range of Thermometer Yesterday.

6 A. M. .... 34  
9 A. M. .... 34  
12 M. .... 34  
3 P. M. .... 47  
6 P. M. .... 40  
Midnight .... 40

Mean temperature .... 43

## COME IN THE MORNING.

AVOID THE AFTERNOON CROWD.

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